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In re Application of:

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For: METHOD FOR FORMING A

METALLIZATION STRUCTURE IN

AN INTEGRATED CIRCUIT

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AMENDMENT; RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED MARCH 6, 2002

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Dear Sir / Madam:

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This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed March 6, 2002 to further highlight reasons why the application is in condition for allowance.

Please amend the case as follows:

In the Claims:

Please replace claim 1 with the amended claim below. A "marked-up" version of each amendment is included in **Attachment A**.